



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 344

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 543

Senate, March 30, 2004

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. WILLIAMS of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMERCIAL UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK ACCOUNT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 145 of public act 03-6 of the June 30 special session
2 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *from passage*):

4 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 22a-449a to 22a-449m,
5 inclusive, of the general statutes, on and after [September 1, 2003] July
6 1, 2005, and prior to October 1, 2005, neither the Underground Storage
7 Tank Petroleum Clean-Up Account Review Board nor the
8 Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall accept applications
9 pursuant to section 22a-449f of the general statutes for reimbursement
10 and payments from the account established under section 22a-449c of
11 the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
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ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Department of Economic & Community Development	EQ (UST account) - None	See Below	See Below

UST - Underground Storage Tank account

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact. Current law suspends applications for the Commercial Underground Storage Tank Program from September 1, 2003 to prior to October 1, 2005. This bill allows for applications to be accepted until on or after July 1, 2005 to prior to October 1, 2005. There is currently a 1 ½ to 2 year backlog in this program and any suspension of applications will not change the current liability of the account. The Underground Storage Tank account is funded through a \$3 million per quarter, \$12 million per year, earmarking of the petroleum products gross earnings tax revenue.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMERCIAL UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK ACCOUNT**SUMMARY:**

Current law prohibits the Underground Storage Tank Petroleum Clean-Up Account Review Board or Department of Environmental Protection commissioner from accepting applications for reimbursement and payment from the commercial underground storage tank account until October 1, 2005. The bill allows them to resume accepting applications from the date the bill passes through June 30, 2005. Under the bill, the ban resumes July 1, 2005 and continues, as under current law, until October 1, 2005.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Commercial Underground Storage Tank Program Clean-Up Account***

The Underground Storage Tank Petroleum Clean-Up Account reimburses responsible parties for remediation costs they incur because of leaking commercial tanks, primarily those containing motor fuel, such as diesel fuel and gasoline. PA 03-6 prohibits the review board and commissioner from accepting applications for reimbursement from the account between September 1, 2003 and October 1, 2005.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 27 Nay 0